

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 780

By Halford

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Sarah Catherine Thornton on winning the John W. Harris Leadership Award presented by the National Beta Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to excellence have distinguished themselves and brought honor to this State; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Catherine Thornton, an eighth-grade student at Dyer Junior High School, is one such exceptional young lady who recently received the John W. Harris Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton became one of only twenty-five students nationwide to receive the Beta Club honor, which recognizes outstanding leadership exhibited by its junior and senior members; and

WHEREAS, a true leader, Ms. Thornton has been elected Vice President of her eighth grade class and chosen "Most Studious" by her peers; she has also received both an academic medal of honor and a Lamp of Knowledge for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades at such a young age, Ms. Thornton has been chosen by her teachers multiple times to receive the Good Character Award and Student of the Month; she participated in the Duke Talent Identification Program and received two medals of honor at Vanderbilt University for her outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, not only gifted academically, Ms. Thornton is active in many extracurricular activities, including soccer, softball, ballet, and cheerleading; she is also a faithful member of her church, helping with Vacation Bible School, in the nursery, and with fundraising to help the needy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thornton is the daughter of Chuck and Amy Thornton of Dyer, and this noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude, ambition, and character that earned Ms. Thornton this award surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Catherine Thornton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sarah Catherine Thornton on winning the John W. Harris National Leadership Award, thank her for serving as a wonderful example of the unsurpassed quality of Tennessee's youth, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.